



**Hawaii Council of Associations
of Apartment Owners**
DBA: Hawaii Council of Community Associations
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Councilmember Kymberly Pine, Chair
Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, Vice-Chair
City Committee on Zoning and Housing

Re: Testimony (with comments) in re Bill 17 Relating to Building Inspections
Committee on Zoning and Housing
Hearing: Thurs., March 9, 2017, 9 a.m., Conf. Rm. #308


Chair Pine, Vice-Chair Anderson and Members of the Committee:

I am Jane Sugimura, President of the Hawaii Council of Associations of Apartment Owners (HCAAO dba HCCA). This organization represents the interests of condominium and community association members.

HCCA agrees with the intent of the proposed ordinance in that it addresses the need to keep the buildings safe for residents and others. However, we just learned about this proposed bill a few days ago and some of our members have expressed concerns about a new mandatory government requirement since most of them are diligent about maintaining and repairing their buildings. At the same time, we understand that some associations are not as diligent and may require the City's oversight to prevent injury to residents and others as would happen through implementation of this bill.

Since we have not had an opportunity to thoroughly review this bill and discuss its ramifications with our members, we would ask this Committee to defer taking action for a reasonable time to allow us time to do that. HCCA would like to participate in the process and we believe that our organization and its members can be a valuable resource to the City in finalizing this bill. We also have relationships with consultants in the insurance, construction and property management industries, who have expressed interest to me that they would also like to participate in this process and to work with the City to finalize this bill.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this very important matter.


Jane Sugimura
President

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